S;ock availability of edible oil in the Depots of North Eastern States as on 15-2-1991

Depots		Quantity (in MTS)
Dimapur (1) Kher Mahal (CWC)	road (Private) J	
(2) Vikas Trading Army Supply R<		230
Guwahati		
(1) Maidan Gaon (2 Panjabari (3) Panlkhetis	State Warehousing Corporation (Private)	140
Silchar		
(1) Malugram	(State Warehousiqg Corporation)	130

Procurement prices of sugarcane and Mushroom

39. SHRI MURLIDHAR CHAND RAKANTA BHANDARE: SHRI MAHENDRA PRASAD:

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURK be pleased to state:

(a) whether the procurement prices of sugarcane and mushroom have been raised in January this year;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) whether any fresh norms and guidelines have been laid down for fixation of the procurement prices of various agricultural products from time to time, in the light of the recent recommendation of the High-powered Committee on Agricultural policy in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICUL TURE AND COOPERATION IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI JAYANTILAL VIRCHANDBHAI SHAH): (a) and (b) The Sta tutory Minimum Price for Sugarcane for 1990-91 and 1991-92 seasons an nounced in November, 1990 have not bee revised.

Mushroom is not covered by the Government's price policy 'for agricultural commodities under which procurement/minimum support prices are announced. However, in 1991, the Government have decided to undertake market intervention operations to procure a specified quantity of mushroom at a price of Rs. 22 per kg. in Haryana on terms and conditions agreed to with the Govern ment of Haryana.

(c) The recommendations of the High Powered Committee on Agriculture Policy and Programmes are being examined.

Rise in prices of fertilizers

40. SHRI KRISHNA KUMAR BIRLA: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) .whether the country's fertilizer industry has been critically affected due to escalation of the Gulf War;

(b) whether the prices of Naptha and raw material for Nitrogenous fertilizers and of finished fertilizers are going up due to increase in crude prices in the internal markets;

(c) whether Government propose to import Naphtha fertilizers to meet